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SUBJECT: GROUP B MEETING ON REVISION OF PARIS INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY CONVENTION, MARCH 7-10

1. THIS IS TO ADVISE EMBASSY ABOUT A MEETING OF GROUP B MEMBER STATES OF THE PARIS CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY, WHICH IS BEING HOSTED BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT (MARCH 7-10). THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE IRI OFFICE, VIA VENETO 89.

2. BRIEFLY, BACKGROUND OF PROJECT TO REVISE WORLD-WIDE PARIS INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY CONVENTION (SECRETARIAT FOR THIS CONVENTION IS WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION, A UN SPECIALIZED AGENCY BASED IN GENEVA) IS AS FOLLOWS:
A REPORT ENTITLED "THE ROLE OF THE PATENT SYSTEM IN THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES," WHICH

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WAS JOINTLY PREPARED BY ECOSOC, UNCTAD AND WIPO AND RELEASED IN APRIL 1974, CALLED INTO QUESTION THE EFFEC-TIVE FUNCTIONING OF THE PARIS CONVENTION AS WELL AS NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY LAWS. THE REPORT RESULTED IN A DECISION BY THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF WIPO AND THE PARIS UNION TO REQUEST THE CONVENING OF A GROUP OF EXPERTS TO STUDY ALL ASPECTS OF THE QUESTION OF THE REVISION OF

THE PARIS CONVENTION INCLUDING, INTER ALIA, ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. PURSUANT TO THAT DECISION, THREE MEETINGS OF AN AD HOC GROUP OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS ON REVISION OF THE PARIS CONVENTION FOLLOWED BY THREE MEETINGS OF A PREPARATORY INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF THE PARIS CONVENTION HAVE BEEN HELD TO CONSIDER A NUMBER OF POSSIBLE POINTS FOR REVISION OF THE PARIS CONVENTION FOR THE BENEFIT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IN ADDITION, A PROPOSAL FOR AMENDING THE CONVENTION TO FURTHER ACCOMMODATE A TYPE OF PROTECTION FOR INVENTIONS PECULIAR TO SOCIALIST COUNTRIES (INVENTORS' CERTIFICATES) HAS ALSO BEEN EXTENSIVELY DISCUSSED.

3. LAST MEETING OF PREPARATORY INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE (PIC) WAS HELD IN GENEVA IN NOVEMBER 1977. AT THIS MEETING, ITALIAN GOVERNMENT EXTENDED INVITATION TO ALL GROUP B COUNTRIES TO MEET IN MARCH TO DISCUSS CERTAIN KEY ITEMS WHICH WILL COME UP AT NEXT MEETING OF PIC IN GENEVA IN JUNE.

4. USDEL TO MARCH MEETING IN ROME WILL CONSIST OF

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5. USDEL WILL NOT REQUIRE ANY ASSISTANCE FROM EMBASSY WITH RESPECT TO THIS MEETING BUT WILL BRIEF EMBASSY IF SO DESIRED. VANCE

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